

Biography

Sergeant First Class Thomas Melton
Team Leader, Gold Demonstration Team
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"



Personal Statistics

Hometown: Sarasota, Florida
School Attended: Vero Beach High School

Biographical Sketch

Sergeant First Class Thomas Melton is serving on the Gold Demonstration Team as a Demonstration Parachutist and the Team Leader.

Thomas enlisted more than 18 years ago and attended Basic Training at Ft Jackson, SC. Immediately after, his Advanced Individual Training, AIT as a 92R Parachute Rigger was at Ft Lee, VA for the following thirteen weeks. Throughout his career, duty stations have included Ft Bragg, NC with the 82nd Airborne and MacDill Air Force Base in Florida. There he served as an Airdrop Specialist. He went on to West Point Military Academy, NY as a Parachute Rigger Supervisor and worked as a Coach and Instructor to the up and coming Cadets at the Academy. Later he attended the Warrior



Leader Course, the Advanced Leader Course and the Senior Leader Course. His civilian education consists of an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from Hillsborough Community College. He has deployed to Afghanistan in support of the Warr on Terror.

In 2010 Thomas applied to the Army Parachute Team's rigorous Assessment and Selection Program and was selected to become a Demonstration Parachutist.

Since learning to skydive in 2003 he has logged more than 2,500 free fall parachute jumps, 45 Tandem Instructor Jumps and 70 military static line jumps. He has also earned the Master Parachutist, Military Free Fall, and Parachute Rigger badges. His civilian parachute ratings are AFF Instructor and Tandem Instructor.

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